

President's Report ICOC Meeting February 10, 2006

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President



Appointments and Introductions

- Introductions: Alex Campe, Tricia Chavira, Dan Bedford
- Appointment: Dale Carlson, Interim Senior Communications Officer
 - Pro bono, previously 14 years at Pacific Stock Exchange; active in public service



International Recognition

- CIRM invited to join International Stem Cell Forum
- Invitation from the MRC to co-host a joint scientific meeting between UK and California scientists.



Major Goals for 2006

- Maintain and extend scientific presence
- Build infrastructure for major grant-making in 2007



Scientific Activities

- Begin Training Grant Program
- Begin Innovations Grant Program
- Scientific Strategic Plan
- Assessment of Medical Risk for Egg Donors
- UK/California meeting on Stem Cell Self-Renewal and Differentiation
- On-line journal for stem cell research
- Meeting in fall 2006 for California stem cell researchers



Infrastructure

- Scientific and administrative personnel
- Information systems for integrated on-line grant applications, review, award and management
- Complete policies for IP, Medical and Ethical Standards, Grants Administration; convert to state regulations



Funding

Two major fund-raising efforts

- BANs: immediate goal, \$50 M (Klein)
 - Support for Grants Program
- Gifts to support scientific activities: \$2-2.5 M (Penhoet and Hall)
 - Support for CIRM Scientific Activities
 - Addition Scientific Personnel
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Assessment of Medical Risk to Egg Donors

- Focus on scientific issues
 - What do we know?
 - Identify gaps in knowledge
 - Identify best practices
- Co-sponsor: Society for Gynecologic Investigation
 - The Institute of Medicine and the National Academies Life Sciences Board will organize and run the meeting
 - Meeting in California
 - Estimated cost: up to \$200,000



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